

and promote innovative treatments. We must fight relentlessly for our constituents and their families impacted by Alzheimer's.

A RADICAL ASSAULT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3755, the deceitfully named Women's Health Protection Act. This legislation constitutes a radical assault on the sanctity of life and the dignity of the most vulnerable Americans.

I am grieved and shocked beyond words that Democrats are moving to force States across the country to accept abortion on demand, right up until the moment of birth. Along with so many Americans, I believe that life is beautiful, and that all babies must be given the opportunity to thrive. And yet, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to eradicate every legal protection these little ones have, rather than welcoming them with the love and joy and hope that they deserve.

This bill gives abortionists the ability to decide which precious infants are "viable" and worthy of life. It prioritizes the profitability of the abortion industry over genuine and compassionate care for mothers and children.

No baby should be discarded because they were allegedly unwanted, and no mother's needs should be subjugated to the demands of the abortion lobby.

This is an incredibly urgent time in our Nation. I implore each and every one of my colleagues to stand up and fight for those who cannot protect themselves.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on H.R. 3755.

IMPORTANCE OF CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of provisions of the Build Back Better Act that will help substantially our seniors in western New York.

The bill moving through the House recognizes the importance of human infrastructure, of care infrastructure, and this includes making big investments in our seniors.

The bill provides Medicare coverage for hearing, dental, and vision benefits.

It provides a Medicaid funding increase so seniors can live safely at home.

It recognizes the importance of caregivers by providing a tax cut to support families who struggle to care for their loved ones.

It addresses critical shortages in our health workforce so seniors, when they are in a nursing home or hospital, have

access to the best professionals available.

And it will cut prescription costs by using the leverage of the Federal Government to get a better deal for Medicare beneficiaries.

These are all important investments in our seniors and those who love them, and they need our support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the provisions as Congress moves toward passage.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, every day the American people wake up to more concerning news at the southern border, and they are beyond outraged. Thousands of illegal immigrants continue to overwhelm ports of entry, the flood of illicit narcotics continues to skyrocket, and yet, this administration refuses to act.

Over 1.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border since February of this year, and in August, President Biden released close to 44,000 illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Madam Speaker, this is yet another failure that President Biden can add to his growing list. If this administration does not act with a sense of urgency, America's communities are in danger. It is time for action.

EXPANDING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AND LOWERING THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, this weekend, I ran into a constituent whose story is a model for what we plan to deliver for more Americans through the Build Back Better Act.

I met a mom in Media, from a solid middle-class family, and she was so excited to share the news about her son's new job. After completing the new maritime career development program at Delaware Community College, he attended a job fair and landed one of the new jobs at the Philadelphia shipyard, where he will be making \$27 an hour and receiving full benefits.

The Build Back Better Act will expand these kinds of opportunities and make them available to more Americans. It will expand job training programs and lower the cost of higher education by funding 2 years of tuition-free community college and increasing the value of Pell Grants.

Using our Nation's network of community colleges as the pipeline, this bill will help connect more Americans to good paying jobs.

The policies in the Build Back Better Act are urgently needed, they will

strengthen our economy, and they are popular. It is time to deal working people back in.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STEVE HEPP

(Mr. FITZGERALD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and celebrate the life of Steve Hepp, who passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Steve dedicated almost his entire life to public service. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after he graduated from high school, where he served proudly from 1972 until 1976. This was just the beginning of his lifetime of dedicated public service.

Steve continued to serve the Watertown community in southeastern Wisconsin in plentiful and meaningful ways on numerous city committees. But I would be remiss if I didn't mention what he is remembered most fondly for, and that is being a small businessman, and the Silver Eagle Saloon, which remains in Watertown and is operated by his family.

I invite the Watertown community to raise a glass to celebrate the life and legacy of Steve Hepp for his resolute patriotism, his unparalleled contributions to those around him, and his undying love for his wife Sue, his daughters Shae and Summer, and his grandchildren Carlos and Jocelyn.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family and to anyone who called Steve their friend. He will be sorely missed.

BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, almost exactly 8 months ago Joe Biden kicked off his presidency by signing an executive order that weakened our border security and promised a pathway to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants. These actions and his reversal of the previous administration's policies have directly led to the worst illegal immigration crisis the United States has faced in decades.

Since the President took office, at least 1.2 million illegal aliens have crossed our border and the numbers are getting worse.

His response? Continuing to double down on the current failed policy.

Just last month, nearly 209,000 illegal aliens were encountered crossing the border, which is a 317 percent increase from August 2020. On top of this, August marks the sixth straight month of illegal crossings, over 170,000 migrants.

The latest saga, more than 12,000 migrants living in makeshift encampments under a bridge in Del Rio, Texas. This humanitarian, economic, and